

## Message Text

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ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-09 ISO-00 IO-10 CU-02 SAB-01 SAM-01 OMB-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /081 W

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2575

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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PARIS ALSO FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, NL, UNESCO

SUBJ: DUTCH ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA

REF: THE HAGUE 543

1. ACCORDING TO DUTCH CHARGE, GON IS HOPING TO ARRANGE  
VISIT OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL (SEE PARA 5, REFTEL), TO  
SYRIA DURING SPRING. VISIT WOULD BE "CONDITIONAL"  
HOWEVER ON SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT BEING WORKED OUT  
FOR RETURN OF RANSOM MONEY TAKEN FROM PILOT OF KLM  
PLANE WHICH BROUGHT HAGUE HIJACKERS TO DAMASCUS IN  
SEPTEMBER 1974.

2. CHARGE ALSO SAID THAT IN DECEMBER HE HAD BEEN CON-  
VOKED BY DEP FONMIN RAFI'I AND WARNED THAT SYRIA WAS  
WATCHING VERY CLOSELY DUTCH ACTIONS WITH REGARD  
TO UNESCO. IF DUTCH TOOK ACTION TO REDUCE THEIR  
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SUPPORT FOR UNESCO, RAFI'I SAID, IT COULD HAVE

SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS BOTH ON DUTCH-SYRIAN  
BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE IN  
GENERAL.  
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